



# RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Learning to Live • Living to Learn

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER • 29 March • TERM 1 WEEK 10

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Term 1**

**Week 10**

**29 March**

K-6 Parent Teacher Student Interviews

Constable Bollard Stage 2 Talk

**30 March**

K-6 Parent Teacher Student Interviews

Parent Workshop – New Curriculum

School Parliament

**31 March**

K-6 Parent Teacher Student Interviews

Assemblies Kindergarten, Year 2, Year 4, Year 6

House Team Shirt P&C Stall

PSSA

**Week 11**

**3 April**

3-6 Cross Country 9am – 1pm at Peel Reserve

Parent Workshop – Kindergarten Literacy & Numeracy

**4 April**

Kindy Cross Country 9am at School

1-2 Cross Country 9:30am-10:30am at Peel Reserve

Stage 2 Science Incursion

**5 April**

ANZAC Service 9:15am

Stage 2 Science Incursion

**6 April**

Kindy Easter Hat Parade – 9:00am

Years 1-2 Easter Hat Parade – 9:45am

Year 6 Easter Egg Fundraiser

**7 April**

Good Friday

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We are approaching the last week of Term 1. I am amazed every day at the skills, talents, and abilities of each one of our students.

Congratulations to our Kindergarten students on completing their first term of school!

I would also like to congratulate our students who have seamlessly transitioned into their new school environment or new class with positive and inclusive attitudes. I would like to extend my thanks to the teaching and administration staff for their dedication and hard work.

### World Autism Understanding Day

Yesterday, RPS went BLUE for World Autism Awareness Day. World Autism Awareness Day is an internationally recognised day on 2 April each year. At RPS, we celebrate our differences and want to increase understanding by supporting our students to learn about Autism and the many tremendous strengths that students with Autism can bring to our school and community. Our teachers also talked sensitively and compassionately about Autism Spectrum Disorder with our classes, with carefully constructed, age-appropriate discussion points. It was a general discussion with no reference to individual students.

## Sydney West Swimming Carnival

We are very proud of the 6 Riverbank students that represented Ridges at the Sydney West Swimming carnival at Homebush Aquatic Centre on Friday 24 March. Well done to Piper, Estella, Oneth, Ace, Arnav and Deron on your achievements.

A special mention to Piper and Oneth who were successful in being named Junior Girls Champion (Piper) and Senior Boys Champion (Oneth) at the Ridges Carnival on Friday 3 March.



## National Ride2School Day – 24 March 2023



It was wonderful to see so many of our Riverbank students riding their bikes and scooters safely to school today for 'National Ride2School Day'.

At Riverbank, we are fortunate to have over 160 bike and scooter racks for our students!

Classes enjoyed participating in discussions about the benefits of being active, the importance of wearing a helmet when riding and how to safely cross the road.

Congratulations to all students who rode to school safely.

## Harmony Day



Our students celebrated our multicultural diversity and inclusion for all at Riverbank Public School. We should be very proud that **EVERYONE BELONGS**, and that **HARMONY** is developed through our Restorative relationships.

It was wonderful to see students and staff wear their cultural dress or orange in celebration of our major multicultural event of the year.

## **ANZAC Day Service**

Please join RPS for our ANZAC Service next Wednesday 5 April at 9:15am.

## **Opportunity Class Placement 2024**

Applications for entry into Year 5 opportunity classes in 2024 open on Thursday 30 March and close Monday 15 May, 2023.

### **What are opportunity classes?**

Opportunity classes cater for high potential and intellectually gifted students. They help students learn by:

- grouping them with other gifted students
- using specialised teaching methods so students can learn concepts in more detail and more quickly
- supporting their wellbeing needs. Most students in opportunity classes enjoy learning more when their classmates have similar abilities and interests.

### **Should you apply?**

If your child learns with greater ease and speed than their classmates, they may benefit from placement in an opportunity class. High potential and gifted children need to be challenged so they remain engaged with their education. Discuss the opportunity with your child and look through the information together on Opportunity classes – Year 5.

If you would like to discuss whether you think you should apply, please contact your child's teacher.

**Apply online at [education.nsw.gov.au/oc](https://education.nsw.gov.au/oc) - Opens Thursday March 30.**

**<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5.html>**

## **Constable Bollard**

This week, Constable John Bollard from Riverstone Police Station spoke to all students in Years 3-6 about being safe online and the potential dangers of online gaming and chats. It is very important that you speak to your child about their online habits and what safety measures are being implemented.

## **Online Reports**

Riverbank Public School uses Sentral (Sentral is Australia's most comprehensive cloud-based school management platform trusted by more than 3,000 schools) internally to check attendance, complete student reports and record wellbeing. In 2020 Semester 2, Riverbank started publishing student reports through the Parent Portal online as the only method to access reports. Parents who used the Parent Portal in 2022 remain set up for 2023. Information on how to access the Parent Portal will be sent out shortly to new families as well as access keys to families with additional children now attending the school.



## Cross Country Carnivals

Our Cross Country Carnivals for years 1-6 will be held at Peel Reserve on the following days. Details have been provided on the school app. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

- Monday 3 April 3-6 Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm
- Tuesday 4 April 1-2 Time: 9:30am – 10:30am

Our Kindergarten students will participate in their first Cross Country Carnival on the school grounds, not at Peel Reserve, on Tuesday 4 April from 9am to 9.30am.

## Easter Hat Parades



All students in K-2 are invited to make a hat for our Easter Hat Parades which will be held next Thursday 6 April. These hats will be assembled by the students during class time with a primary buddy class.

We look forward to our parents attending the parades.

### Times for the Parades:

- Kindergarten: 9am
- Years 1 and 2: 9:45am

Year 6 students will be selling bags of chocolate eggs to raise funds for their end of year activities.

## School Bytes - Making a payment

Our school has implemented a system called School Bytes to manage payments. Parents/carers can visit the School Bytes portal at any time to make a payment online, provide permission, view payment history, and apply credit.

All parents will be required to register using the following link:

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/login>

This portal can also be accessed through our school website.

<https://riverbank-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/payment-schoolbytes.html>

A detailed how to guide regarding registration can be accessed via this link:

<https://support.schoolbytes.education/hc/en-us/articles/5184859634191-Parent-Portal-Set-up-your-parent-portal-account>

Parents can use their Service NSW School Vouchers to pay for the following items:

- Excursions/Incursions
- PSSA & Sport in Schools
- Camp
- Soundwaves Textbook, School Magazine & Year 1 Sound Book

Take a screenshot of the voucher and email to [riverbank-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:riverbank-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) (in your email please indicate the items you wish to pay) **OR** Visit the school office to have your voucher scanned – before midday each day.



## Dates for Term 2

**School Development Day Monday 24 April**

**Public Holiday Tuesday 25 April ANZAC Day**

**Students return to school on Wednesday 26 April**

**Students can wear either summer or winter uniform, with all students transitioning to the winter uniform by Monday 8 May.**

### **RAMADAN**



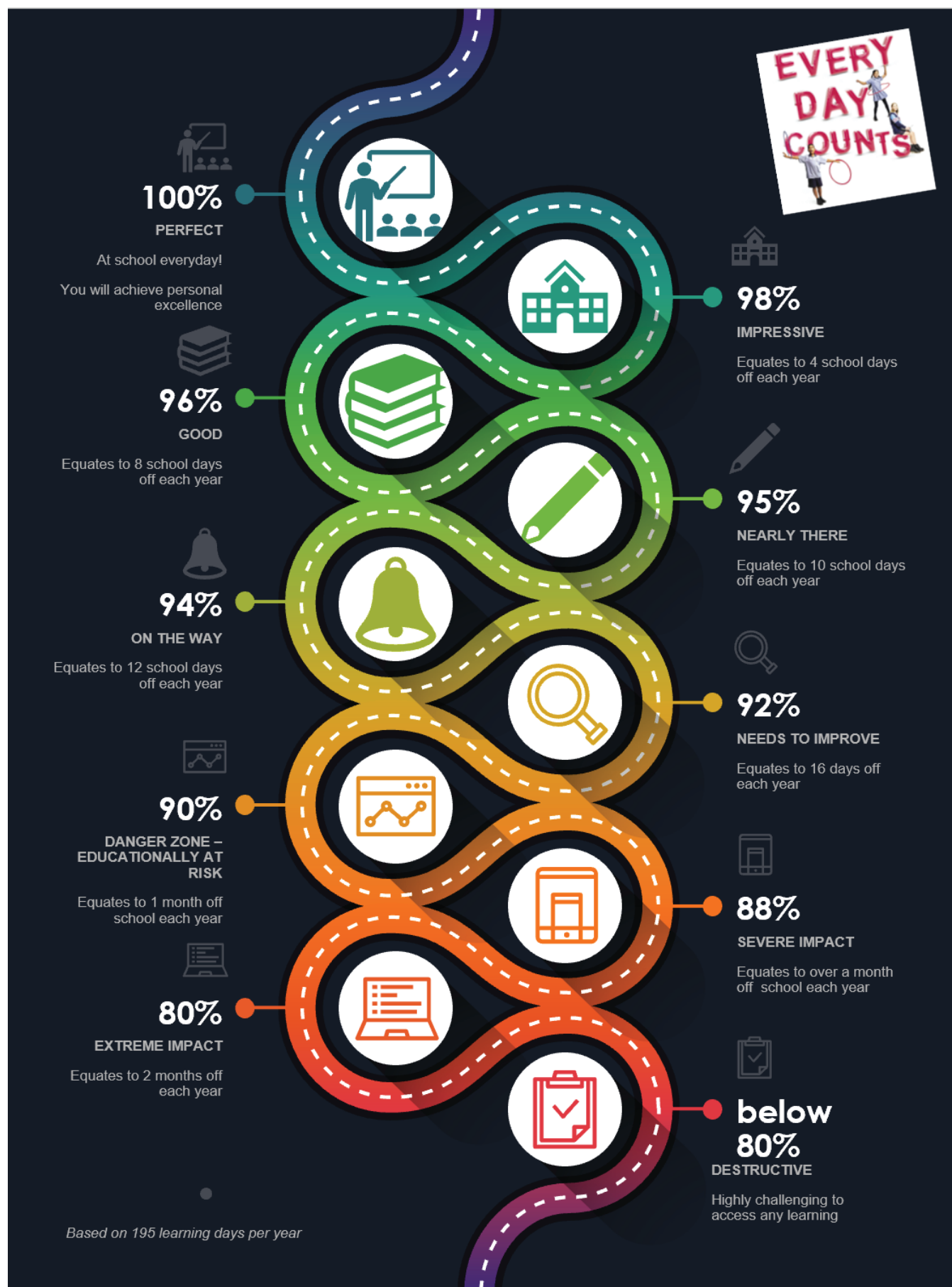
Wishing Happiness and Prosperity to our families.  
May the Blessings of Ramadan be upon you during this holy month.



As this is the last newsletter for Term 1, I would like to wish our school community a safe holiday break and to our families who celebrate, a Happy Easter.

**Mrs Jeanie Brown**  
**Principal**

## Attendance Road Map



## In the gate by half past 8

Parents, we are seeing over 100 students arrive late to school every day. Students are required to be at school before the morning bell and in their class lines by 8.45am. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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### Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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### Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

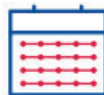
they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

**1** day per fortnight  
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**4** weeks



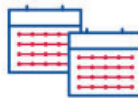
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Over **1** year missed

**1** day per week  
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**8** weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

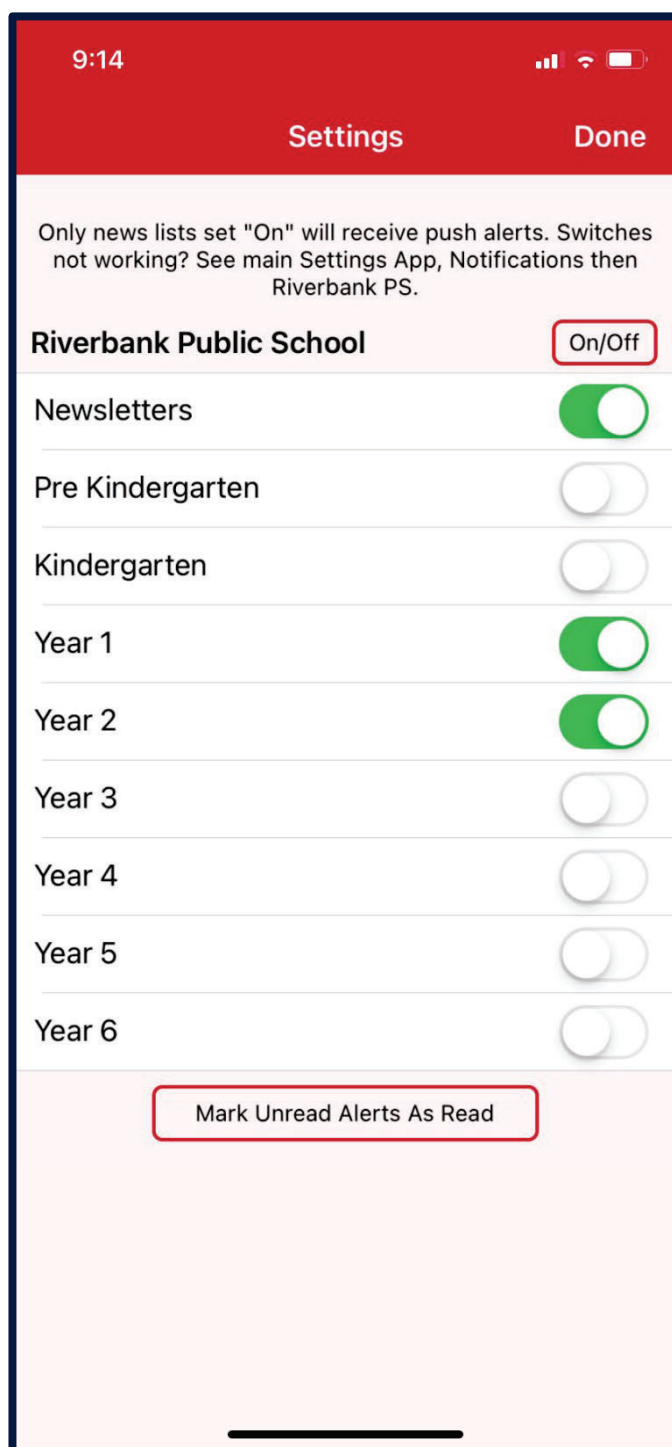
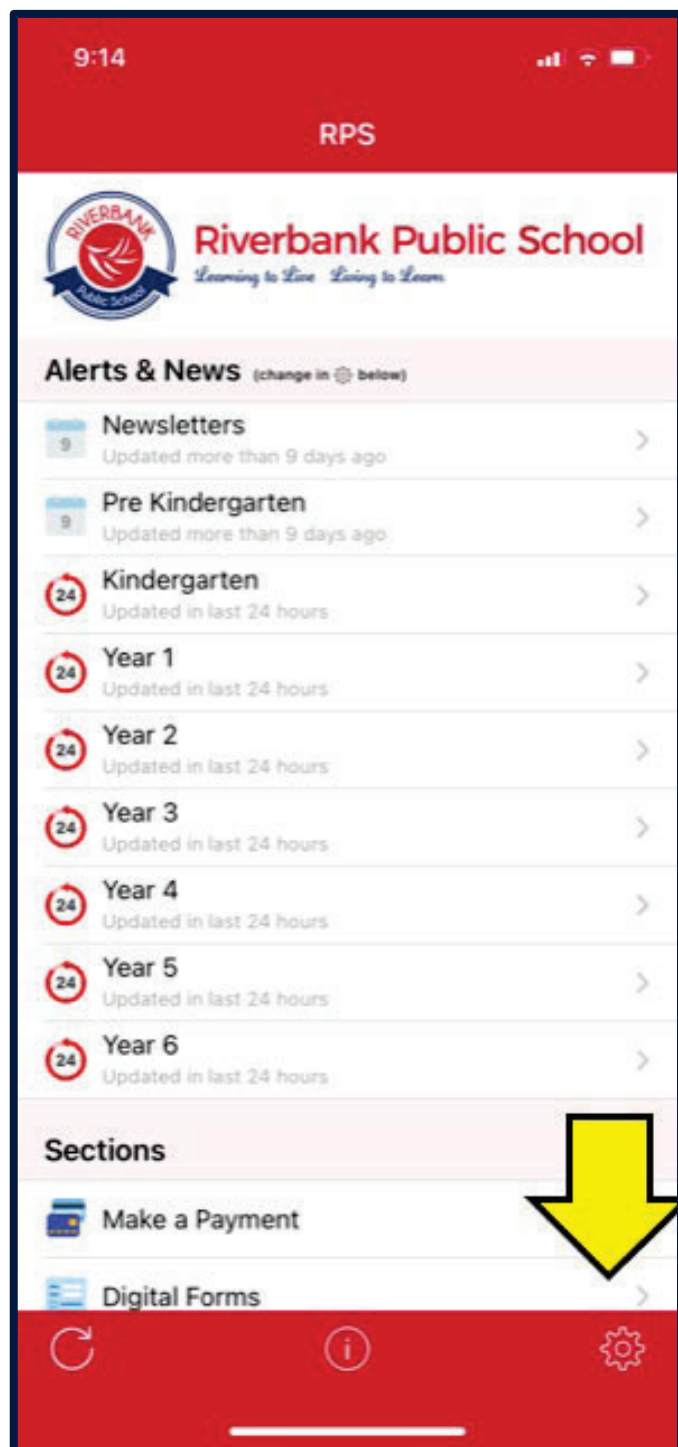
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### School App Tip

Did you know that you can tailor the push alerts that you receive from our school app to the grade/stage your child is in?

Select the cog wheel on the bottom right-hand corner and select Newsletters and the grade/stage your child is in to ensure that all relevant communication is received.



## Merit Awards

### Congratulations to our **Kindergarten** Term 1 Week 8 Merit Awards recipients.

Class	Class
<b>KB</b> – Riaan, Esa	<b>KC</b> – Katelyn, Rugved
<b>KD</b> – Heeva, Angus	<b>KE</b> – Max
<b>KJL</b> – Jax, Adelyn	<b>KM</b> – Neev, Tayla
<b>KME</b> – Udit, Fatima	<b>KN</b> – Samaira, Vivaan
<b>KP</b> – Viaan, Eliana	<b>KR</b> – Wilson, Ganeev
<b>KW</b> – Millie, Agastya	

### Congratulations to our **Year 1** Term 1 Week 9 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
<b>1A</b> – Aarush, Ayeza	<b>1C</b> – Isaac, Divneet
<b>1E</b> – Caroline, Aveer	<b>1H</b> – Anvi, Zayd
<b>1K</b> – Jack	<b>1L</b> – Sandasi, Nivaan
<b>1N</b> – Vishnu, Sanya	<b>1P</b> – Anirudha, Sienna
<b>1S</b> – Sharmitha, Anaira	<b>1T</b> – Rogan, Cheryl

### Congratulations to our **Year 2** Term 1 Week 8 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
<b>2B</b> – Ananya, Om	<b>2C</b> – Parth, Diya
<b>2D</b> – Sehaj, Medha	<b>2J</b> – Yug, Sejal
<b>2LS</b> – Prisha, Zayan	<b>2M</b> – Myra, Jerome
<b>2P</b> – Kimaya, Ridham	<b>2R</b> – Maya, Aarav
<b>2S</b> – Nidhi, Vivaan	<b>2T</b> – Yash, Georgie
<b>2V</b> – Grace, Isaac	<b>2W</b> – Neel, Risha
<b>1-5A</b> - Marcello	

**Congratulations to our Year 3 Term 1 Week 9 Merit Awards recipients**

Class	Class
<b>3A</b> – Khaled, Alexis	<b>3B</b> – Sidvik, Chelsea
<b>3D</b> – Ananya, Vivaan	<b>3E</b> – Neil, Ariana
<b>3H</b> – Yahya, Sarrinah	<b>3J</b> – Shrinika, Swaran
<b>3K</b> – Anagh, Aadi	<b>3M</b> – Arnav, Aiden
<b>3N</b> – Mya, Jayden	<b>3S</b> – Aziz, Mannat
<b>3T</b> – Makosoi, Ryaan	

**Congratulations to our Year 4 Term 1 Week 8 Merit Awards recipients**

Class	Class
<b>4B</b> – Advik, Loknath	<b>4C</b> – Nevaeh, Krish
<b>4D</b> – Shaheer, Ira	<b>4E</b> – Arshika, Rana
<b>4H</b> – Onelly, Prsiha, Cedric, Ninad, Anaya	<b>4I</b> – Jemma, Noah
<b>4M</b> – Edward, Emalina	<b>4O</b> – Shree, Kushi
<b>4P</b> – Maanya, Nihaal	<b>4R</b> – Megha, Hussain
<b>4S</b> – Anna, Vihaan	<b>4W</b> – Michael, Devanshi

**Congratulations to our Year 5 Term 1 Week 9 Merit Awards recipients**

Class	Class
<b>5A</b> – Nitara, Ki	<b>5B</b> – Shrihan, Krisha
<b>5C</b> – Rishi, Imaya	<b>5D</b> – Kailyn, Trillo
<b>5E</b> – Evelynn, Om	<b>5G</b> – Kiara, Estella
<b>5J</b> – Diksha, Sihath	<b>5K</b> – Vyaan, Samhith
<b>5M</b> – Shikhar, Ayat	<b>5R</b> – Ayaan, Sibel
<b>5T</b> – Rizwan, Shreya	<b>5W</b> – Aarya, Georgia

**Congratulations to our Year 6 Term 1 Week 8 Merit Awards recipients**

Class	Class
<b>6A</b> – Debanshi, Parth	<b>6B</b> – Aadrit, Hemali
<b>6C</b> – Anshuka, Aydan	<b>6D</b> – Affan, Aadhya
<b>6F</b> – Daniel, Emaan	<b>6G</b> – Rishi, Maveen
<b>6J</b> – Ameera, Jaineil	<b>6L</b> – Mika'l, Ethan
<b>6M</b> – Gloria, Lucas	<b>6N</b> – Partik, Hamza
<b>6S</b> – Shivam, Tanvi	

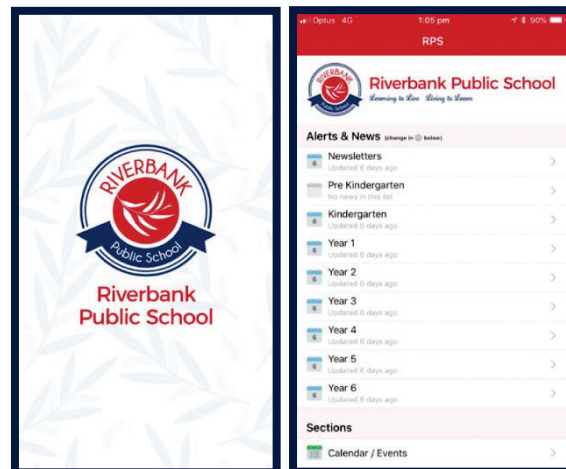


## Parent Communication

We use a variety of platforms to communicate information about upcoming events and highlight the great things that happen at Riverbank Public School.

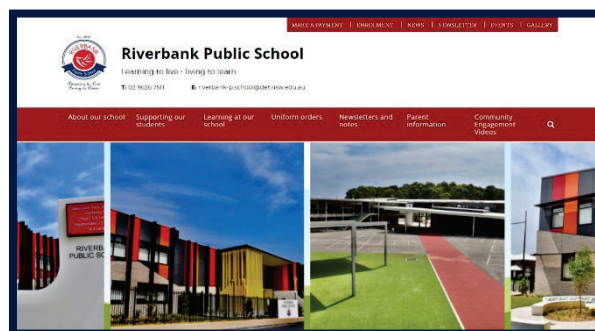
### School Enews App

Important notifications are posted and emailed on the School Enews App. School Enews is a free app available for all mobile devices. Just download the app from the App Store or Play Store by searching for Riverbank Public School. Please ensure that push notifications alerts are turned on so that you can receive information as soon as it is distributed.



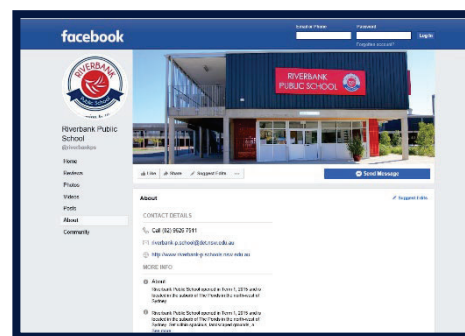
### School Website

Our school website is updated frequently. Some notes such as the Canteen Price List, Uniform Shop and our newsletter are all available online. Our school website is <https://riverbank-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>



### Facebook

Riverbank Public School has its own Facebook page where we celebrate student's achievements. Parents are unable to post any news items but can comment on reports and photos. The page is designed to keep the community up to date regarding all the wonderful things that happen at Riverbank Public School.



### Twitter

In addition to Facebook, Riverbank Public School use Twitter to share events as they happen throughout the school. You can follow us on Twitter [@RiverbankPublic](https://twitter.com/RiverbankPublic).



## **Restorative Practices**

Restorative Practices form the relational basis for Quality Teaching and Learning at Riverbank Public School. Our Restorative Practice Framework, because of its explicit nature, offers a common language and practice capable of fostering healthy relationships.

Student achievement is enhanced through Restorative values being embedded as a way of being and learning together. Our approach fosters individual responsibility and helps develop empathy. Inappropriate behaviour or choices and mistakes can be viewed as an opportunity for insight, learning and development in both the academic and social domains.

The explicit framework is inextricably linked to the Quality Teaching Framework and includes the following sets of questions to be asked by children, teachers, and parents.

When Things Go Wrong.... When Someone Has Been Hurt

- What happened?
- What were you thinking of at the time?
- What have you thought about since?
- Who has been affected by what you have done? In what way?
- What do you think you may do to make things right?
- What did you think when you realised what happened?
- What impact has this incident had on you and others?
- What has been the hardest thing for you?
- What do you think needs to happen to make things right?

The process is empowering as it takes students from the past to the present and gives them hope for the future. It empowers them to make things right and heal any harm that has been done.

A restorative classroom setting is one that values dialogue through an inclusive approach where everyone expects to be heard and through this participatory process, students develop the capacity to learn that emotions are an important and legitimate expression of healthy dialogue. This process helps students to deal with conflict, tensions and difference in respectful ways that engender trust and foster healthy relationships.

## **School Motto**

The school's motto, 'Learning to Live, Living to Learn', reinforces a broad and enriching curriculum, which not only focuses on the development of literacy and numeracy skills but also on the social and emotional wellbeing of the students whilst respecting a culturally diverse community.

## **Riverbank Public School Code of Behaviour**

- We share the voice space by listening actively to others and expressing ourselves confidently.
- We follow instructions by being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing.
- We use build-ups by saying encouraging, affirming things to others.
- We keep our hands, feet, and objects to ourselves so that everyone is safe.
- We own our own behaviour because we choose how we behave.

## **Our Help Increase the Peace (HIP) Keys – School Rules:**

Our school values will incorporate the 'Help Increase the Peace Keys' to promote a harmonious, nurturing, and challenging living and learning environment.

The HIP program offers a whole school approach to building relationships through communication, co-operation, trust building and conflict resolution.

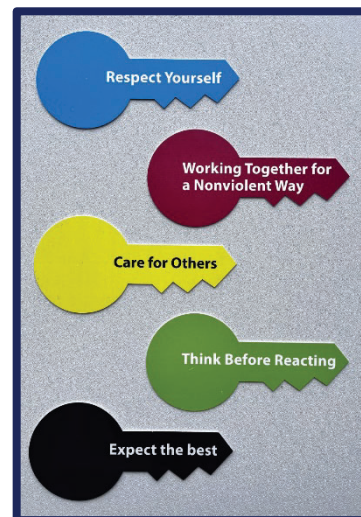
**YELLOW KEY** Care for Others

**GREEN KEY** Think Before Reacting

**BLUE KEY** Respect Yourself

**RED KEY** Work Together for a Non-Violent Way

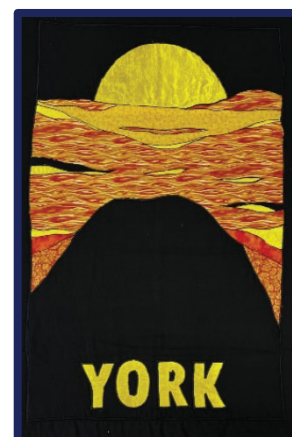
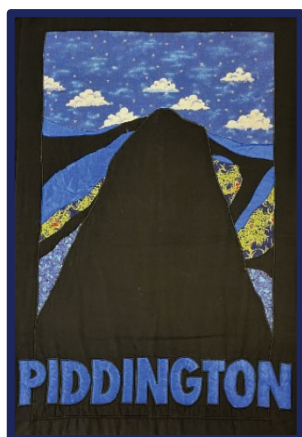
**BLACK KEY** Expect the Best





## Sport Houses

There are Four Sports Houses that reflect the wonderful view the school has of the Blue Mountains.



Team Name	Named After	Famous For	Team Colour
<b>PIDDINGTON</b>	Mount Piddington	One of the highest peaks and is very famous for rock climbing.	<b>BLUE</b> (For the abundance of Eucalypts that give the mountains their blue colour)
<b>TOMAH</b>	Mount Tomah	Is very famous not only for its height but the Botanical Gardens.	<b>GREEN</b> (For the gardens)
<b>BOYCE</b>	Mount Boyce	Is almost the highest point in the mountains and is famous for a major Bureau of Meteorology station.	<b>RED</b> (For the flowering red natives: Waratah, Lambertia or Mountain Devil and Red Grevillia)
<b>YORK</b>	Mount York	Is very famous because it is where Blaxland, Lawson and Wentworth first saw the western plains.	<b>YELLOW</b> (For the viewing of the western plains by the explorers)

## **Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA)**

All of our CAPA groups have been enjoying rehearsals over the past few weeks. Students who were successful in gaining a position in a CAPA group would have received their permission note through School Bytes. We kindly ask parents to pay the CAPA levy and provide permission.

We are excited to showcase four of our Creative and Performing Art groups below.

### **Year 1 Dance Group Pink**

Year 1 Dance Group Pink have been enjoying coming to their first rehearsals and beginning to learn the steps to our dance with Miss Nagle. The dance features a fun and upbeat song that will really get you to move your feet! Well done, Dance Pink!



### **Bollywood Dance Group**

Bollywood Dance Group this year consists of 24 students across Stages 2 & 3. Students are performing a medley of three Bollywood dance numbers which comprise of one traditional aspect and a folk mix from the Punjabi Bhangra music from popular Indian movies. Students have been enthusiastically engaged in rehearsing their dance every Tuesday morning at school with the help of Mrs Kaur, Mrs Tahir and Mrs Dasi.



### **Year 3 Dance Group Pink**

Year 3 Dance Group Pink have enjoyed learning the beginning of their dance with Miss Neill and Miss Single. The students are dancing to 'You Can't Stop the Beat'. They have been very eager to learn new dance moves and contribute their ideas. We are all so excited for the year ahead and we can't wait to see the dance come together.



### **Year 5 Dance Group Blue**

Year 5 Dance Group Blue have been showing their high levels of commitment and enthusiasm over the past 2 weeks. We have been learning our new choreography, tapping into our rhythm, and working together to create a strong dance. We will continue to learn new moves and are excited to perform on stage.



**Gemma Wade**  
**CAPA Coordinator**

## **Sport Update**

### **Ridges Summer PSSA Round 2 Results 11:3:23**

NRL Tag:	Jnrs L 7 - 8	Snrs L 1 - 9
T-Ball/Softball:	Jnrs L 5 - 10	Snrs L 2 - 3
Cricket:	Jnrs W 115 – 65	Snrs W 79 - 71

### **Ridges Winter PSSA**

Winter PSSA will take place on:

Round 1 – April 29<sup>th</sup>

Round 2 – May 6<sup>th</sup>

Round 3 – May 20<sup>th</sup>

Round 4 – May 27<sup>th</sup>

Round 5 – June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Winter PSSA sports are:

- Netball
- Boys Soccer
- Girls Soccer
- Newcombe Ball
- Rugby League

Trials are currently underway for coaches to select teams. The trial and selection process will be completed this week to allow coaches to select teams. Permission notes will be sent home and will need to be returned before the first matches are played.

### **3-6 Cross Country**

Our annual Cross Country is fast approaching and will take place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. All students are required to participate. Now is a good time to start any training to run the distance:

- 2km for Juniors
- 3km for Seniors

### **K-2 Cross Country**

Information has been sent out via our school app regarding cross country for Kindergarten and Year 1 & 2 on Tuesday 4 April.

Kindergarten will be completing their Cross Country at school from 9.00am – 9.30am.

Year 1 and 2 will be completing their Cross Country at Peel Reserve from 9.30am – 10.30am.

**Sam Evans**

**Sports Coordinator**



## Library Update

The Premier's Reading Challenge has started!

### **What you need to know:**

K-2 students complete the challenge AT SCHOOL. There is no need for parents or students to do anything.

Students in Yrs 3-6 complete the challenge independently. All students have been shown how to complete the challenge during their Library lesson. If you are unclear about the challenge, please go the website or you may come to the Library after school any day (except Wednesday) and ask Ms Kennedy

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

### **Kindy Library**

Each week Kindergarten students come to Library with wonderful enthusiasm! Mrs Rimmer has enjoyed her first Term at Riverbank taking Kindy classes each week. Students have loved listening to the stories and choosing their very own books to borrow!



### **Holiday borrowing**

Students will be allowed to keep their books over the holidays. If your child misses their Library lesson, remember, we are open every afternoon (except Wednesday) for those who wish to borrow new books for the holidays.



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# 2023 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

Artwork by Elise Hurst

[www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au)



**Key dates  
for students  
in K-10:**

**Challenge opens**  
Monday 27 February

**Challenge closes  
for student entries**  
Friday 18 August



Library Staff



## **RPS Medical Procedures**

### **Prescribed Medication:**

When a medical practitioner has prescribed medication that must be administered during the school day, parents/carers must:

- notify the school.
- provide up to date information as required.
- supply the medication and any 'consumables' necessary for its administration in a timely way.
- complete the Riverbank Public School Medical Permission Note (please see the office for a copy of this note).

The administration of prescribed medication in schools is carried out by staff who volunteer and who are trained. Students must not carry medication unless there is a written agreement between the school and the student's parents/carers.

### **Individual Health Care Plans:**

An individual health care plan must be developed for:

- severe asthma, type 1 diabetes, epilepsy, and anaphylaxis
- any student who is diagnosed as having a condition that may require an emergency response.
- any student who requires the administration of health care procedures

**If your child has any health conditions and does not already have an existing individual health care plan, please contact the office to collect the required forms.**

If your child has an adrenaline auto injector (EpiPen) prescribed by a medical practitioner, an [Action Plan for Anaphylaxis](#) must be completed. If the school does not have a current, Action Plan for Anaphylaxis please have your child's doctor complete one immediately.

If your child has allergic reactions where no adrenaline autoinjector is prescribed by a medical practitioner, an [Action Plan For Allergic Reactions](#) must be completed. If the school does not have a current Action Plan for Allergic Reactions, please have your child's doctor complete one immediately.

If your child has been prescribed by a medical practitioner as having asthma, an [Asthma Action Plan](#) is required. If the school does not have a current Asthma Action Plan, please have your child's doctor complete one immediately.

# Lost Property

Our lost property tubs are located outside the staffroom and are checked daily by staff. Lost property which is labelled will be returned to students the following day.

Please ensure that all uniforms, lunchboxes, and water bottles are labelled with your child's name.





## Dropping Off and Picking Up students

A 'Kiss and Ride Zone' or 'Drop-off and Pick-up' area utilises existing 'No Parking' zones around schools. In these areas, drivers may stop to drop off or pick up children, however **No Parking** rules apply:

- Maximum stop time is 2 minutes.
- Driver must remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle.
- Vehicle must not be left unattended.

Additional safety tips for school zones:

- Always drop-off or pick-up your child from the designated area, following the school's procedures.
- Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.
- Make sure the hand brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
- Never double park
- Never Park across a pedestrian crossing
- Never undertake a U-turn near the school.

Safety Tips for Students:

- Stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped in the 'Drop-off and Pick-up' area.
- Make sure your school bag and other items are in a safe position, e.g., on the floor.
- Be ready to get out of the car with your belongings when the car has stopped, and you have unbuckled your seatbelt.
- Always get in and out of the backseat of the vehicle through the safety door - the rear footpath-side door.

## No Stopping



**What does it mean?** You cannot stop in this area FOR ANY REASON (including queuing or waiting for space).

**Why is it there?** Keeps clear sight lines between drivers and children/pedestrians.

**Penalty** \$330 + 2 Demerit Points (School Zone)

## No Parking



**What does it mean?** You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. If no spaces are available, you cannot queue on the roadway or in any other zones while waiting for a space. You will need to drive away and park elsewhere, only returning when there is space to pull up.

You must always stay within three metres of your vehicle.

**Why is it there?** To provide a safe place for children/pedestrian set down and pick up.

**Penalty** \$183 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)

### Bus Zone



**What does it mean?** You must not stop or park in a bus zone for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space) unless you are driving a bus.

**Why is it there?** To provide a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up school children.

**Penalty** \$330 + 2 Demerit Points (School Zone)

### Pedestrian Crossings

You must not stop within 20 metres before a pedestrian crossing or 10 metres after a crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.

**Why is it there?** To ensure that children can be clearly seen by vehicles approaching the crossing.

**Penalty** \$439 + 2 Demerit Points (School Zone).



### Footpaths, Driveways and Nature Strips

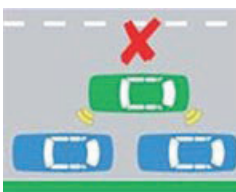


You must not stop on any footpath or nature strip, or even a driveway crossing a footpath or nature strip FOR ANY REASON.

**Why is it there?** You could easily run over a child or force pedestrians onto the road to get around you.

**Penalty** \$183 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)

### Double Parking



You must not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.

**Why is it there?** Double parking forces other cars to go around you cause traffic congestion and reduces the view of drivers and children crossing the road.

**Penalty** \$330 Demerit points (School Zone)

The school is very fortunate to have dedicated volunteers who assist in the safe pick-up of students in this area. Please follow any instruction given to you by these volunteers in order to keep the children safe.

# Riverbank Public School

## Last Day of Term 1 Meal Deal

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023



Dear Parents/Caregivers

To help the Canteen with closing and cleaning for end of term, a Lunch Pack has been made available to purchase for students.

The following Lunch pack is available for this day only,

**NO OTHER FOOD WILL BE SOLD THROUGH THE CANTEEN ON THIS DAY.**

Cost is \$6.00 per child. All orders will be labeled and sent to class at Lunch.

**All orders MUST be pre-paid and ordered through  
[www.spriggyschools.com.au](http://www.spriggyschools.com.au)  
by Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023.  
No late orders will be accepted.**

**Lunch Pack Combined Total \$6.00  
Students Only**

(every pack will need to mark one per section)

Lunch Item	Snack	Drink
Salad Wrap Chicken Sushi Hot Cheese Roll Sausage Roll	Banana Jelly Cup Popcorn	Water Apple Popper Orange Popper



# HIGH POTENTIAL AND GIFTED EDUCATION



The Ponds High School supports high potential and gifted learners through differentiated curriculum across Key Learning Areas and by providing enrichment classes in each year group.

The selection process for Year 7 aligns with the Department of Education HPGE Policy (2021) to ensure that all students have the opportunity to achieve their best. The policy supports evidence-based research that confirms that students require specific levels of support to allow them access to development opportunities that are appropriate to their specific needs, including students who may experience additional challenges.

As such, a variety of reliable formative and summative assessment measures will inform the selection of students for the Year 7 HPGE class at The Ponds High School.

The timeline of events that will lead to selection for the Year 7 class is as follows:

## 2023

Date	Event	Location
28 <sup>th</sup> March	HPGE Parent Information Evening Year 7 2024 5:00pm – 7:00pm	TPHS Hall
9 <sup>th</sup> June	HPGE Class Application forms available online via TPHS website	Website
30 <sup>th</sup> June by 3:00pm	Last day for parents to submit HPGE Applications, including area of high potential outlined with support material, Year 5 Semester 2, 2022 School report, Year 5 NAPLAN report	TPHS
June - July	TPHS Team to liaise with Primary School personnel to obtain recommendations including academic data to support applications	Various venues
29 <sup>th</sup> August	HPGE Enrichment Day (by invitation only)	TPHS
September - October	HPGE class announced	Via email
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Orientation Day	TPHS

**The assessment tools that may be used to assist with determining appropriateness of placement in the HPGE class include:**

- HPGE Class Application form
- Year 5 Semester 2, 2022 school report
- Year 5 NAPLAN report
- Student Individual Projects
- Student Interview
- Observations of performance during enrichment opportunities





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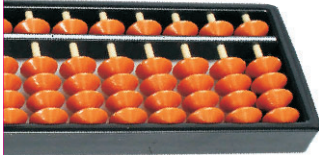
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Creativity Workshop: Wednesday

Time: 3.00-5.30pm

## Beaumont Hills PS

Language Class: Wednesday

Creativity Workshop: Friday

Time: 3.00-5.30pm

## William Clarke College

Language Class: Monday &

Wednesday

Time: 3.00-5.30pm

## Riverbank PS

Language Class: Thursday

Creativity Workshop: Monday

Time: 2.45-5.15pm

## Kings Langley PS

Language Class: Friday

Creativity Workshop: Tuesday

Time: 3.00-5.30pm

\$25 Language Class

\$32 Creativity Workshop

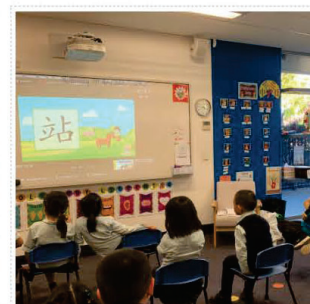
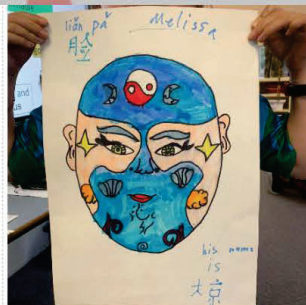
\$52 if enrol for both classes

## Sydney Northwest Education Centre

Website: [www.sydneychinese.org.au](http://www.sydneychinese.org.au)

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# SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES

## WHAT ARE YOU RISKING? \*



Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need **YOU** to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.



### NO PARKING

**No waiting.** You have **2 minutes** to drop-off or pick-up.

You must stay within **3 metres** of your vehicle.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$ 194**  
+2 DEMERIT POINTS



### NO STOPPING

You must **not stop** on a length of road with a **no stopping** sign.

The first **10 metres** from an **intersection** is a no stopping zone.  
**Yellow kerb lines** are also a No Stopping zone.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$ 349**  
+2 DEMERIT POINTS



### BUS ZONE

Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$ 349**  
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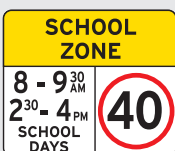
### MOBILE PHONES

Extra fines apply for using a mobile phone in a school zone.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$ 464**  
+5 DEMERIT POINTS

May be subject to Double Demerits

### SPEEDING OFFENCES



**40km/h** is the limit.

Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$ 200**  
+2 DEMERIT POINTS

May be subject to Double Demerits

### PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

1. In a queue of traffic, **no part of your vehicle can stop** on a pedestrian crossing.
2. Do not let **your child in or out of a vehicle** at a pedestrian crossing as this is a No Stopping zone.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$ 464**  
+2 DEMERIT POINTS

### DRIVEWAYS & FOOTPATHS

Do not park on or across a driveway or footpath.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$ 344**  
+2 DEMERIT POINTS

### U TURNS

U turns are **illegal** on or near a **pedestrian crossing** and across a **double white line**.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$ 349**  
+3 DEMERIT POINTS

### DOUBLE PARKING

Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$ 349**  
+2 DEMERIT POINTS

\*Fines current as of 11 November 2020.

Fines and demerit points are subject to change. For more information check out the NSW Centre for Road Safety website.



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### BUS ZONE

Only a public bus can stop in a designated bus zone.



Help keep our children **safe**

